

ANNOUNCING

[NEW] Rural Health Network Development Grant Program

WHO: The applicant must be a public or nonprofit entity that represents a network that includes at least three or more health care providers. In addition, the grantee must meet at least one of three following requirements: 1) The applicant organization must be located in a rural area or in a rural ZIP code of an urban county (list included in application materials and on program website) and all grant funded activities must support rural areas; OR 2) The applicant organization exist exclusively to provide services to migrant and seasonal farm workers in rural areas and is supported under Section 330(b) of the Public Health Service Act; OR 3) The applicant is a federally recognized Native American Tribal or quasi-Tribal entity that will deliver services on Reservation or Federally recognized Tribal lands (documentation status must be included.)

WHAT: To support activities that strengthen the organizational capabilities of rural health networks whose purpose is to overcome the fragmentation and vulnerability of providers in rural areas. The program is designed for organizations that wish to further ongoing collaborative relationships to integrate systems of care administratively, clinically, financially, and/or technologically. The goals of the rural Health Network Development Program is to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improved the quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.

WHEN: Applications due September 20, 2004.

AWARD AMOUNT: Approximately \$1.1 million will fund up to 8 awards.

CONTACT: To view the full program announcement, head to <http://www.fedgrants.gov/Applicants/HHS/HRSA/GAC/HRSA-05-002/Modification1.html>.

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